

C O N C O R D I A U N I V E R S I T Y

Faculty of Engineering

Minutes of Meeting No. 76.2

of the

Engineering Faculty Council

held

on Friday, 19 March 1976

Present: J.C. Giguere (Chairman pro tem); Professors
Bhattacharyya, Douglass, du Plessis, Fazio, Heaps,
Joly, Lin, Lindsay, Marsh, McQueen, Pekau, Russell,
Sankar, Swamy, Vidyasagar; I. Szuts (Student
representative); Ms Z. Jirkowsky (Library represen-
tative); Prof. G.D. Xistris (Recording Secretary).

Absent with apology: Professors Callaghan, Gracovetsky,
Krakow, Krantzberg, Kubina.

Visitors: Professors Antoniou, Ramamurthy.

Motion
76-2-1

1. Council unanimously adopted the published agenda with the addition of

6.4 Convocation Committee.

2. Assistant Dean Giguere informed Council that the Dean had asked him to chair the present meeting. Professor Xistris has agreed to act as Recording Secretary.

Motion
76-2-2

3. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the minutes of meeting No. 76.1.

4. Building Engineering

Chairman informed Council that NRC had awarded the University a Negotiated Development Grant. This grant would be paid out in instalments over the next five years and would be used to carry out research in Building Engineering. Professor Fazio provided further details.

5. Chairman informed Council that the Dean's office had requested the Civil Engineering Department to prepare for presentation at the April meeting of Council a proposal for an undergraduate programme in Building Engineering.

6. Elections

Chairman informed Council that Departments should be now con-

sidering nominations and elections to Faculty and University academic bodies. A listing of vacant positions and election procedures will be circulated for this purpose.

7. Open House

The Chairman noted that two major changes in the organization of Open House had been implemented this year. The first was to hold the events in mid-March as opposed to early January in order that applicants could be invited to visit the University. The second was to leave the detailed organization of the event to the departments. The four Chairmen reported on the activities within their Departments. It appears that by and large the events were successful with some 200 potential students visiting the four departments. Associate Dean Joly outlined the preparations for Open House on the Loyola campus. Chairman informed Council that he would prepare a debriefing document.

8. Admissions

Chairman informed Council that there had been a substantial increase in applications compared to this time last year. It was suggested that prospective applicants be informed that the deadline for applications would be extended. The Chairmen agreed to look into the matter.

9. Curriculum Changes

Chairman informed Council that Departments should now be considering curriculum changes at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. Undergraduate curriculum changes should be submitted to the Assistant Dean's office prior to 1 June 1976 and graduate changes prior to 1 September 1976 for items affecting more than one department, and 1 September 1976 and 1 October 1976 for changes affecting a single department.

10. Iron Ring Ceremony

Members of Council were invited to attend the Iron Ring Ceremony to be held at 5:00 p.m. today in H110.

11. OEQ Bursary

Chairman informed Council that the 1975/76 OEQ Bursary had been awarded to Mr. David Janigan, a student in the Mechanical Engineering Department.

12. Faculty Tenure Committee

Chairman informed Council that scrutineers should be chosen to supervise elections to the Faculty Tenure Committee. Profs. Bui, Lindsay, Troitsky and Xistris were acclaimed as departmental representatives. Professor Xistris was acclaimed as Chairman.

13. Minutes of the Executive Committee

Chairman informed Council that as the Executive Committee had not met since the last Council meeting, he was not yet in a position to comment on this matter.

14. Wardell Memorial Prize

The Chairman noted that Council had asked EUSC to recommend on the Executive Committee's proposal (Doc. 76-1-6). He informed Council that EUSC recommended the establishment of the prize as set out in that document.

Motion
76-2-3

15. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the establishment of the Wardell Memorial Prize for Graphics as described in Doc. 76-1-6.

16. F.A. Gerard Prize

Dr. Sankar presented EGSC's recommendation (Doc. 76-2-1) and suggested that letters of congratulation be sent to the two runners up, Mr. Clement Li (Electrical) and Mr. David Scoulding (Mechanical).

Motion
6-2-4

17. Council unanimously adopted a motion to award the 1975 F.A. Gerard Prize to Mr. Jan O. Tvedt (Electrical).

18. Agenda Format

Chairman informed Council that the item had been placed on the agenda in connection with the circulation of the minutes of the Executive Committee, and would therefore be left over until the next meeting.

19. Computer Science Periodicals Budget

Professor Heaps informed Council that the additional funds granted to the Faculty could be applied only towards the purchase of books, but not periodicals. The Computer Science Department is studying ways of circumventing this problem. He noted that periodicals could be obtained through inter-library loans. It was agreed that the Faculty Library Committee would be asked to investigate ways and means whereby the Computer Science Department could obtain essential periodicals.

20. Convocation Committee

Chairman informed Council that the Day Students Association had asked that two students be made members of the Convocation Committee (Doc. 76-2-2). He noted that last year had been the first time that the Faculty had organized its own convocation, and that a Convocation Committee consisting of Mr.

Adams and Professors Hamblin and Swamy had been established by the Executive Committee for this purpose.

- Motion 76-2-5 21. Council considered a motion to recommend that the Convocation Committee should consist of the Registrar and two faculty members.
- Motion 76-2-6 22. Council adopted a motion to amend Motion 76-2-5 by adding one student to the committee.

Voting: 6 in favour; 5 against.

23. Council adopted Motion 76-2-5 as amended by Motion 76-2-6.

24. Academic Regulations

The Chairman asked Dr. Antoniou, Chairman of EUSC, to present that Committee's report (Doc. 76-2-3). Professor Antoniou described the five possible sets of academic regulations put forward by EUSC. The Chairman noted that the document had been available for discussion with departments and asked Department Chairmen to present Departmental viewpoints. Electrical Engineering favours Scheme 3; Mechanical Engineering favours Schemes 1 and 3 with a slight bias towards Scheme 1; Civil Engineering was not prepared to express a viewpoint at this time. After some discussion, the Chairman suggested that Council take a straw vote in order to indicate to EUSC a preference for one scheme or another so that the Committee could prepare a final recommendation for legislation at the April meeting of Council. The result of the straw vote indicated a strong preference for Scheme 3.

25. Professional Code

The Chairman distributed a statement by McGill University entitled "The University and the Professional Code".